GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2629
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2006
DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments or other agencies diverting the forest land to other development works like dams or mining are supposed to compensate for the lost forest land by afforestation on non-forest land;

(b) if so, whether States which have lost such forest lands have received any fund from the Union Government for compensatory plantation;

(c) If so, the details of allocation/utilization as on date; and

(d) The compensatory plantation carried out so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Compensatory Afforestation is carried out by the User Agency at the project cost to compensate for diversion of forest land for non-forestry proposes under the Forest (Comservation) Act, 1980.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) According to the information received from the State/Union Territory Governments, the extent of compensatory Afforestation carried out so far in the States/Union Territories is enclosed as Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 2629 by Shri Jyotiraditya m. Scindia regarding "Diversion of Forest Land" due for reply on 11.12.2006.

Statement showing extent of Compensatory Afforestation carried out so far in the States/Union Territories to compensate for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;